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**Superintendent's Compendium**  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements, and Other Restrictions  
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of those portions of Yosemite National Park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

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## DEFINITIONS

**Administrative Activities** means those activities conducted under the authority of the National Park Service for the purpose of safeguarding persons or property, implementing management plans and policies developed in accordance and consistent within Title 36 Chapter 1, or repairing or maintaining government facilities, (*e.g., contractor, concessioner, researcher*).

**Big wall climbs** mean all grade V and VI routes in Yosemite.

**Food** means any human food, pet food, grain or other sweet stock food, food-tainted garbage, food-tainted equipment, toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, and cosmetics, and any creams, ointments, or lotions.

**Food Container** means any object designed to contain food such as ice chests, coolers, food packaging, and grocery bags whether or not they contain food or any object that contains food such as a pack or stuff sack.

**Road Names** are described as:

Big Oak Flat Road means from the park boundary near Big Oak Flat Entrance to the El Portal Road.

Chowchilla Mountain Road means Wawona Road to the park boundary.

El Portal Road means from the park Boundary west of Arch Rock Entrance to Pohono Bridge.

Glacier Point Road means from Chinquapin to Glacier Point.

In winter, Chinquapin to Badger Pass is referred to as the Badger Pass Road.

Hetch Hetchy Road means from the Park boundary near Hetch Hetchy entrance to the O'Shaughnessy Dam.

Mariposa Grove Road means from the South Entrance to the Mariposa Grove parking lot.

Northside Drive means the road on the north side of Yosemite Valley which runs from the Curry Village intersection to Pohono Bridge.

Southside Drive means the road on the south side of Yosemite Valley which runs from the Pohono Bridge to the three way intersection adjacent to Upper and Lower Pines Campground.

Tioga Road means from Crane Flat intersection to Tioga Pass at the east park boundary.

Wawona Road means from the park boundary near South Entrance to Southside Drive

**Service Animal** means any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

**Special Events** means sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainment, ceremonies, and similar events, or any event involving an organized gathering of 20 or more people (including nonprofit or charitable organizations).

**Trail** is any trail shown on the latest edition of 7.5 minute quad topographic maps published by the U. S. Geological Survey.

**Wilderness** means congressionally designated Wilderness.

**Non-Wilderness** refers to all those areas not designated as Wilderness.

## **I. VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

### **36 CFR § 1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park, to all public use, or to a certain use or activity:**

#### **PARK-WIDE**

- Except for Administrative Activities, Visiting Hours: Yosemite National Park is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week except for the Hetch Hetchy area as described below:  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

Hetch Hetchy Operating hours:

- Security Levels Green through Yellow - The Hetch Hetchy security gates will be open to vehicle traffic daily, during the following hours:
  - 07:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 07:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. May 1<sup>st</sup> to Labor Day
  - 08:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Day after Labor Day to October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - 08:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Security Level Orange – The Hetch Hetchy security gates will be open to public vehicle traffic daily, during the following hours and may be restricted further based on security needs:
  - 08:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Security Level Red – The Hetch Hetchy security gates and the entire area around the O'Shaughnessy Dam and the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir will be closed to public vehicle traffic and visitation when the nation or the O'Shaughnessy Dam and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir are indicated as an extreme security threat level red.

*The Superintendent has determined restricted access to Hetch Hetchy is necessary for orderly management of the park and the security of associated facilities.*

- The entire park is closed to viewing wildlife with an artificial light from a motor vehicle.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 2.2(e)**

*The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary to prevent illegal hunting within the boundaries of the park 36 CFR 2.2(e).*

- Except for Administrative Activities, the use of any audio or mechanical device to attract wildlife is prohibited.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f), 36 CFR § 2.2(a)(2)**

*Audio or mechanical devices used to attract wildlife may induce stress and disrupt mating/nesting activities of wildlife.*

- Except for Administrative Activities, climbing or attempting to climb the giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron Giganteum*) tree is prohibited.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This restriction is to provide for protection of natural resources.*

- Areas within the park that are designated as construction and/or demolition zones will be closed to the public. These areas will be identified by signing indicating the closure.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This closure is in effect to protect the public from the hazards associated with construction/demolition.*

- Except for Administrative Activities,
  - Lake Eleanor is closed to all motorized vessels.
  - Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is closed to all vessels.
  - All free flowing rivers, creeks, and streams within Yosemite National Park, except the Main Stem and South Fork of the Merced River as defined in this section, are closed to the use of any type of vessel designed to carry passengers upon the water and any other device, such as air mattresses or inner tubes that may be so used.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This restriction is necessary to preserve the natural character of lakes, rivers, creeks, and stream for public enjoyment. The shorelines of Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and Lake Eleanor are the wilderness boundary. The closure is necessary to preserve the wilderness character and water quality of the lake's surroundings.*

- Possession of a glass container within 50 feet of any riverbank, lakeshore, on the water, or in a vessel is prohibited.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This restriction is for the protection of natural and cultural resources and public safety.*

- Jumping or diving from any bridge is prohibited.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This activity has resulted in severe injuries to persons who have jumped from bridges into shallow water. Also, people jumping from bridges cause increased water turbidity and shock waves, both of which have a detrimental effect on fish and other components of aquatic ecosystems.*

- Camping, bivouacking, or sleeping overnight in the vicinity of the base of any cliff, mountain or route to be climbed, and which is located outside designated Wilderness, is prohibited.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 2.10(a); 36 CFR § 2.10(b)(10)**

*The Superintendent has determined this restriction is necessary to provide for the orderly management of the park and to provide for consistency with camping and wilderness permit requirements.*

- Affixing any rope, line, or other device to a bridge or structure is prohibited.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**
- The use of any motorized drilling device for the purpose of placing bolts or climbing equipment is prohibited.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**
- The possession of a motorized drill in a nondeveloped area is prohibited.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**
- The use of glue, epoxy, cement, or any other adhesive to attach, reinforce, or alter hand and/or footholds for rock climbing is prohibited.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*The above four restrictions are to protect the natural features of various climbing routes in Yosemite National Park.*

- Fixed or temporary rock climbing anchors, but not climbing ropes, whether used for ascents or descents may be left in place indefinitely.

**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f), 36 CFR § 2.22(a)(2)**

*Rock climbing is a well-established visitor activity in the park. This exception to 36 CFR 2.22(a)(1) is intended to allow safe rock climbing while minimizing the over all impact of rock climbing on the resource and other visitor groups. Unattended anchors may be removed and turned in as found property.*

- Slack lines must not be left unattended except under the following conditions:  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f), 36 CFR § 2.22(a)(2), 36 CFR 5.13**
  - Park visitors registered in Camp 4 may leave slack lines installed within 200 feet of the boundary of Camp 4 for the period of their stay in Camp 4 provided the lines do not create a hazardous condition or interfere with the orderly management of the park. Slack lines left in or near Camp 4 must be tagged to identify the owner.
  - Upon approval by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee, park residents may leave slack lines installed within 200 feet of their housing unit provided the lines do not create a hazardous condition or interfere with the orderly management of the park.

*Slack lines are inherently an attractive hazard and negatively impact the scenic value of the resource; however, the repeated installation of slack lines in the same area may cause more resource damage than lines left in place.*

- Slack lines must not be attached to oak trees.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 2.1(a)(1)(ii)**

*Oaks are declining in parts of California and the groves in Yosemite Valley are not reproducing successfully.*

- Trees used as slack line anchors must be padded so as to minimize damage to the trees.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 2.1(a)(1)(ii)**

*Slack lines have caused significant damage to trees in the park.*

For wilderness use the following group size limits are in effect:

- Fifteen (15) person limit per group traveling on established trails to stay in the wilderness overnight.
- Use of campsites is limited to 15 persons in wilderness areas overnight.
- Twenty-five (25) head of pack and saddle stock per party on designated trails and twelve (12) head on authorized cross-country routes.
- Eight (8) person limit per group for all off-trail travel (more than ¼-mile off established trails or roads) whether day or overnight use.
- Day users traveling on established trails may not travel in groups of more than 35 persons.
- Any group exceeding group size limitations must split into sub-groups providing: 1) adherence to the above group size limitations, 2) wilderness trips which begin within the park start from separate trailheads, and 3) the group travels and camps at least ½ mile apart at all time.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1), 36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2) ; 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*These public use limits are established to provide for public use while protecting natural and cultural resources.*

- Except for Administrative Activities, the following areas identified by cliff name are closed to all visitor use to protect Peregrine Falcon Aeries from January 1<sup>st</sup> until August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year or until the young falcons of the current year have fledged:

**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

- The Rostrum

The closure extends to the summit and all climbing routes on all sides of the Rostrum. In addition, the cliff to the east of the Rostrum, from the climbing route “Super Nova” to the Rostrum is closed. All routes on the cliff “Jungle Gym” and areas further west remain open. The summit of the Rostrum is also closed to slack lines and other visitor activities during this time period.

- Fifi Buttress

All routes on the buttress, including “Sunset Strip” and “The Warbler” are closed.

- Rhombus Wall

The closed area is between the Ahwahnee Ramps east to, but not including, “Super Slide.” “Die Schweine Von Oben” is also a closed area.

- Glacier Point area

The cliff face between the east edge of Glacier Point Apron and Illilouette Gorge is closed, except climbing is allowed no higher than 200 vertical feet from above the base of the cliff.

- Hetch Hetchy

Kolana Rock

The rock face immediately west of Wapama Falls.

*The closure is necessary for wildlife protection.*

- Passenger buses are subject to the following conditions/restrictions on all park roads within Yosemite National Park:

**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.6(g)(2), 36 CFR § 4.11**

- Buses must shut down their engines when not underway. Idling must not exceed 5 minutes. Buses are allowed to idle up to 15 minutes to allow the driver to complete their legally required Pre Trip Vehicle Inspection.

Yosemite National Park shuttle bus vehicles are exempt.

*The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park. Due to the nature of the service provided by the shuttle buses, they are excluded from the requirement.*

- Buses may not park in auto-designated parking.
- Buses are prohibited from parking in residential areas.
- Buses over 45 feet in length and 102 inches in width are prohibited on park roads.

## BADGER PASS

- Up to 2300 ski lift tickets may be sold in one day at Badger Pass Ski Area.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*An analysis of the slopes at the Badger Pass Ski area was done to determine optimum capacity without sacrificing skier safety. This analysis yielded the 2300 person limit.*

- Except for Administrative Activities, the uphill lane from Chinquapin to Badger Pass will be restricted when the parking lot at Badger Pass fills to capacity. This road may also be restricted to one lane during times of heavy snow or traffic.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This restriction is based on the physical capacity of the parking lot at Badger Pass and to provide for public safety.*

- When Badger Pass Ski Area concession is operating, it is closed to nonauthorized snow play (sled, inner tube, and toboggan) activities.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*Sledding is not compatible with downhill skiing, and poses a hazard to both visitors sledding and other ski area visitors.*

## HETCH HETCHY

- Public access is prohibited below the high water mark of Hetch Hetchy reservoir per enclosed map.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This closure is necessary to protect park resources.*

- Swimming, bathing, washing clothes or cooking utensils, and watering stock or in any way polluting waters within Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and within one mile of the high water line of the reservoir along the tributaries flowing into the reservoir is prohibited by the Raker Act.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 3.21(a)(2)**

*This closure and visitor use limit is required to meet management responsibilities as set forth in the Raker Act.*

- Vehicles or the combination of a vehicle and trailer exceeding 25 feet in length and/or 96 inches in width are prohibited on the Hetchy Road unless the vehicle has a commercial use authorization (CUA) and pilot vehicle or is a National Park Service, City and County of San Francisco, or Hetch Hetchy Water and Power vehicle with a pilot vehicle.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 4.11(b)(1)**

*This road is narrow and oversize vehicles cannot safely negotiate turns.*

- Frog Creek and the mouth of Frog Creek are closed to all fishing activities from November 15<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup>. The closure will extend up Frog Creek for ½ mile to the first waterfall, including the pool below this waterfall. The closure will extend 200 feet from the mouth of Frog Creek out onto the surface of Lake Eleanor and along its shore for a distance of 200 feet from the creek's mouth.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*The State regulation closure is through April 15<sup>th</sup>; the additional closure, from April 15<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup> is necessary to protect spawning rainbow trout, whose numbers often peak in Frog Creek after April 15<sup>th</sup>.*



## MARIPOSA GROVE

- All buses over 40 feet are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.6(g)(2), 36 CFR § 4.11(b)(1)**
- Vehicles pulling trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 4.11(b)(1)**
- Non-commercial vehicles over 25 feet in length are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 4.11(b)(1)**
- The uphill lane of the Mariposa Grove Road is closed to all vehicles when the parking lot at the Mariposa Grove fills to capacity except those performing administrative activities, private vehicles displaying a disabled person license plate or placard, and Yosemite shuttle buses.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This restriction is based on the physical capacity of the parking lot at the Mariposa Grove and the need to provide for public safety and emergency vehicle access.*

- The tram road from the parking lot through the Mariposa Grove is closed to all vehicles except administrative vehicles, Yosemite concession vehicles, and private vehicles displaying a disabled persons license plate or placard. Private vehicles displaying a disabled persons license plate or placard must contact the tram supervisor and follow a tram while in the Mariposa Grove.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*The Mariposa Grove Road is a narrow winding road and large vehicles cannot safely negotiate the turns. Additionally, public parking at the Mariposa Grove is limited to 25 foot length vehicles. Longer vehicles park across several parking lanes, congest the parking area, and inhibit emergency vehicle access.*

## WAWONA

- When the Wawona Golf Course concession is operating, the course including the apple orchard is closed to all persons that are not with an authorized golfing party.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*Persons walking onto the golf course interfere with authorized golfers might be hit and injured by golf balls.*

- Except for vehicles performing administrative activities the following restrictions apply to the Glacier Point Road.
  - Vehicles over 30 feet and/or vehicles pulling trailers are prohibited beyond Sentinel Dome parking lot.
  - Buses with seating capacity of 26 passengers or more, and/or exceeding 30 feet in length are prohibited beyond the Badger Pass turnoff.
  - The park contract concession vehicles are exempt.**36 CFR 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.6(g), 36 CFR § 4.11(b)(1)**

*Due to the steep, narrow, and winding road at Glacier Point, large vehicles and vehicles pulling trailers traveling this section of road pose a safety risk to other vehicles.*

- The South Fork of the Merced River is closed to all vessels, except it is open to non-motorized vessels and floatation devices downstream of the Wawona Swinging Bridge. **36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); CFR § 1.5(f)**

*The section of river upstream of the swinging bridge will be closed to vessels to protect the Wawona domestic water intake.*

## WILDERNESS

- Day visitors traveling on established trails may travel in groups of up to 35. On cross-country (off trail) routes, day visitors may travel in groups of up to 8 persons.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**
- 1290 overnight trailhead entries into Yosemite Wilderness can be made daily.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This is in accordance with the Yosemite Wilderness Management Plan. These limits are based on the number of acres in a wilderness travel zone, the miles of trail it contains, and its ecological fragility. A computer simulation model compared actual use to desired use, resulting in the current trailhead quota system in effect park-wide.*

## YOSEMITE VALLEY

- Slopes along the Merced River, woodlands, and meadows are closed when they are fenced and signed.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*These closures are necessary to restore vegetation and protect natural resources.*

- Buses are prohibited in the parking area for Swinging Bridge.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f), 36 CFR § 1.6(g)(2)**

*The Superintendent has determined that buses parking in this area cause excessive congestion, parking problems, and traffic hazards, and the large number of visitors cannot be accommodated by the existing rest room facilities.*

- All buses visiting Yosemite Valley, not including vans, are required to unload and pick up their passengers, and park only in areas designated by their commercial use authorization.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.5(f)**

*Due to the limited parking in Yosemite Valley for large vehicles and the need to control large groups disembarking in congested areas, designated areas, as defined in a commercial use agreement, have been established for the orderly management of the park.*

- Buses are prohibited from stopping at Fern Spring.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); 36 CFR § 1.6(g)(2), CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This restriction is due to the sensitive nature of the Fern Spring area, and the impact of large groups walking in and around the spring.*

- The Main Stem of the Merced River is closed to all vessels except non-motorized vessels are allowed on the section from Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Picnic Area during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); CFR § 1.5(f)**

*The Superintendent has determined that management of the Main Stem of the Merced River must meet the needs of all park users; including but not limited to photographers, fishermen, and those wishing to see undisturbed sections of free flowing river. By partitioning the river and placing time constraints on certain activities, each of the visitor groups can be accommodated, while providing for both visitor and resource protection. This action has been determined not to be a major shift in policy nor a significant change to previous regulatory efforts. The closure beyond the Sentinel Picnic Area is necessary due to naturally fallen trees in the river which pose a safety hazard to rafters or floaters. Removal of the trees would be contrary to the park resource management policy; therefore, pursuant to policy, the trees will not be removed.*

- The entire length of open water on the Main Stem of the Merced River will be closed to all floatation devices whenever the river gauge at the Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher or the combination of air and water temperature is less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); CFR § 1.5(f)**

*Safe passage underneath the bridges is compromised when the river is at 6.5 feet or higher. Additionally the combination of water and air temperature is to reduce the likelihood of incidents of hypothermia.*

- Visitors may enter Yosemite Valley until westbound traffic is backed-up from Lower Yosemite Falls to Curry Village Four-Way intersection or all day-use parking spaces have been filled, and/or the 18,241 person capacity has been reached.

**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This restriction on inbound traffic may be necessary to prevent a traffic gridlock and to ensure that emergency vehicles will have access to all parts of the Valley. The General Management Plan established a daily limit of 18,241 for Yosemite Valley visitation. Uncontrolled traffic leads to pedestrian accidents, vehicle conflicts, and damage to the resources from vehicles parked where they should not be parked, as well as loss of view sheds because of uncontrolled parking.*

- Except for Administrative Activities and traditional ceremonial or educational practices approved by the Superintendent; the Ceremonial Round House, the Sweat House, and the Chief's House in the Indian Village are closed to public entry.

**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); CFR § 1.5(f)**

**ROAD CLOSURES**

- Except for Administrative Activities, the following roads will be closed due to snow and ice:  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); CFR § 1.5(f)**

- Glacier Point Road east of Badger Pass
- Tioga Road
- Chowchilla Mountain Road
- Mariposa Grove Road (when required due to snowplow restrictions)

*These restrictions are necessary to provide for public safety and use, as winter conditions make for hazardous driving and facilities are only opened and maintained seasonally.*

- Except for Administrative Activities, the Happy Isles Road from the Happy Isles Trailhead parking area to the concession stables including the Mirror Lake Road is restricted to shuttle bus, vehicles displaying a handicap placard, pedestrian and bicycle use.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); CFR § 1.5(f)**

*The basis for this determination is the General Management Plan of 1980.*

- Except for Administrative Activities, the Tuolumne Grove Road, Eleven-Mile Road, Meadow Loop, Four-Mile, signed service roads, and gated roads are closed to public motor vehicle traffic.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1); CFR § 1.5(f)**

*The closure is necessary for natural resource protection and for public safety as this Sequoia Grove is one of three protected groves.*

*These areas are not maintained as public access roads, and are only maintained for fire and emergency access.*

- From October 15<sup>th</sup> until the roads open to overnight use the following year, leaving vehicles unattended at any time from sunset to sunrise along the following roads or at trailheads or any other areas accessible from these roads is prohibited:  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); CFR § 1.5(f)**

- Tioga Road from the gate at Yosemite Institute to the east park boundary
- Glacier Point Road east of Badger Pass

*Once these roads receive snow sufficient to close them, they may remain closed until the following spring. This restriction prevents the vehicles of overnight users from being buried in deep snow for the entire winter.*

- During the spring road opening, the Tioga Road is closed to overnight parking from sunset to sunrise restricting the area to day use only.  
**36 CFR § 1.5(a)(2); CFR § 1.5(f)**

*This restriction is necessary to provide for the orderly management of the park and opening of facilities.*

**(a)(2) The Superintendent has determined that the following activities require conditions and/or restrictions:**

See the following sections for conditions and/or restrictions

- 2.1 Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources
- 2.2 Wildlife
- 2.3 Fishing
- 2.4 Weapons, Traps, Nets
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## II. ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

### **36 CFR § 1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

**(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the Superintendent is required:**

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
  - Activities which require NPS supervision or monitoring to help prevent impact to resources or conflict with visitor use.
  - Activities or special events that exceed group size limits.
- §2.1 Wood cutting
- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Research Specimen (Taking plant, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals)
- §2.10(a) A permit is required to camp in Yosemite National Park
- §2.12 Audio Disturbance
  - (a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas (Permit issued in conjunction with a wood collection permit [1.5(a)(2)].)
  - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in nondeveloped areas
  - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery
  - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
  - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft or parts.
- §2.23(a) Recreational Fees
  - Pursuant to Part 71.13(c) and 71.13(d), a permit is necessary for waiver of fees for educational or scientific visits; or for park employees or residents.
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods, or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives
  - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
  - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conducting sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events.
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views.
- §2.52(a) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock Use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62(b) Memorialization:
  - (a) Erection of monuments (requires approval from Regional Director)
  - (b) Scattering human ashes from cremation
- §4.11 Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight, and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - Display, posting, or distribution.
- §5.2(b) Sale of intoxicants on private land (requires approval of Regional Director)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.4 Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
  - (a) Commercial filming of any motion picture, television production, or sound track involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel.

- (b) Still photography of any vehicle, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads.
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, paths, structures, etc.
- §5.10(a) Operation of eating, drinking, or lodging establishments in certain park areas .
- § 6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site.

#### PART 7 SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- §7.16 Yosemite National Park
  - (c) Powerless flight.
  - (h)(1) Eating and drinking establishments and sale of food and drink.
  - (j) Domestic water supplies and sewage disposal systems on private lands within Yosemite National Park.
  - (l) Motor vehicles operating exclusively in the park.
  - (m) Trucking permits issued in emergencies.

#### PART 34 EL PORTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SITE REGULATIONS

- §34.5 Activities that require a permit listed above apply to the El Portal Administrative Site
- §34.6(c) Fires
- §34.8 Preservation of natural, cultural and archeological resources
  - (a) Cutting or removal of any tree, plant, shrub on non leased lands
  - (b) Cutting or removing any vegetation exceeding six inches on leased lands
- §34.10 Saddle and Pack animals

### III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### **36 CFR § 2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground (other than the giant sequoia) may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:**

- Below 9600 feet elevation and
- Outside Yosemite Valley. The limits of Yosemite Valley are Big Oak Flat & El Portal Roads on the west, Rims of the Valley on the south and north, and the line from the confluence of Snow Creek and Tenaya Creek to one mile above Nevada Falls on the east.

**(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries, or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption at the collection site, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions.**

- Blackberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Himalayan blackberry-unlimited quantity
- Raspberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Elderberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Strawberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Thimbleberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Huckleberries - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Fungi, Edible - 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, must be cut (not pulled)

The following may be gathered and transported from the collection site for non-commercial use:

- Apples
- Pears

*Minor collection of any of these resources does not adversely affect park wildlife.*

#### **36 CFR § 2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

**(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:**

- The carcass must be tagged in accordance with State and Federal law.
- Game must be kept out of sight as much as practicable.
- Legally taken game must be transported from the entrance gate to the exit gate in the most direct route and are not allowed overnight in the park, except where lawfully taken game is possessed by a resident within the park.
- The transportation of wildlife is not allowed on any portion of the Yosemite Trail system except, the Kibbie Ridge to Boundary Lake Trail on that segment between Sasche Springs and Styx Pass.

#### **36 CFR § 2.3 – FISHING**

**(a) Except in designated areas or as provided in this section fishing shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State within whose exterior boundaries a park area or portion thereof is located. Nonconflicting State laws are adopted as a part of these regulations.**

- Fishing from a bridge in developed areas is prohibited, including Wawona Swinging Bridge.

#### **36 CFR § 2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS**

**(d)(2) A permit is required to possess a weapon, trap or net. The Superintendent may issue a permit to carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net under the following circumstances:**

- To persons in charge of pack trains or saddle horses, emergency use is meant solely for the use of dispatching injured stock.



### **36 CFR § 2.5 RESEARCH SPECIMENS**

**(a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals except in accordance with other regulation of this chapter or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit, is prohibited.**

- Qualifying researcher must be in compliance with the General Condition for Scientific Research and Collecting Permit as described under the National Park Service Research Permit and Reporting System.
- All environmental compliance issues (e.g., categorical exclusions), and minimum requirement analysis for research conducted in the wilderness, must be resolved prior to commencement of specimen collecting.

### **36 CFR § 2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

**(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for all campgrounds and camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted.**

- Camping is permitted for not more than a total of 30 days in any calendar year, provided that during the period from May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive, camping within Yosemite Valley and Wawona is limited to not more than a total of 7 days, and camping within all other portions of the park, during the same period, is limited to not more than a total of 14 days.

#### **Camping – Non-Wilderness**

- Camping in non-Wilderness areas of the park is permitted only in the following designated camps:
  - Family Sites: Upper Pines, Lower Pines, North Pines, Wawona, Bridalveil Creek, Crane Flat, Hodgdon Meadow, Tamarack Flat, White Wolf, Yosemite Creek, Porcupine Flat, Tuolumne Meadows
  - Walk in Camps: Camp 4, some sections of Hodgdon Meadow Campground
  - Backpacker Camps: Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy, White Wolf
  - Group Camps: Wawona, Bridalveil Creek, Hodgdon Meadow, Tuolumne Meadows
  - Horse Camps: Wawona, Bridalveil Creek, Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy
- When an individual pays a camping fee, occupies a campsite, or registers in a campground, the following conditions are in effect. Under 2.10(c), violating these conditions is prohibited and the permit may be suspended or revoked.
  - Checkout time in all campgrounds is 12:00 Noon on the day the permit expires.
  - Camp only in established sites in designated campgrounds.
  - Camping wastewater must be dumped into utility sinks at restroom units when provided.
  - When sinks are not provided, wastewater must be dumped at least 100 feet from lakes, rivers, or streams.
  - Campground parking permits must be displayed on all vehicles parked in campground parking areas with the campground name, site number, and valid dates visible through the windshield unless other requirements are posted at the campground kiosk.
  - A maximum of two vehicles are allowed per site in Family Sites.
  - A maximum of two vehicles and two trailers are allowed per site in Horse Camps.
  - A maximum of five vehicles are allowed per site in Group Camps.
  - Groups are not permitted to park motor homes, trailers, campers, or other recreational vehicles in Group Camp parking areas.
  - Where parking pads are provided, vehicles must be parked with all wheels on the pad.
  - Except for administrative activities, vehicles are not allowed within the boundaries of Walk-In or Backpacker Camps.
  - A maximum of six occupants are allowed per site in Family Sites.
  - Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. sites are to be occupied only by those registered with that site.
  - Each Walk-In and Backpacker Camp user must register individually.

- After checkout time, any unattended property remaining in a site may be impounded immediately.
- Reserving or holding campsites for others in non-wilderness campgrounds operating under a first come first-served basis is prohibited.
- Campsite registration must occur within 30 minutes of arrival.
- Backpacker camps are intended for use by visitors in possession of an overnight Wilderness Permit or for visitors arriving in the park by foot, bicycle, or bus.
  - Wilderness permit holders may stay in a backpacker camp the night prior to departure and the night after returning from an overnight Wilderness trip.

#### Camping – Wilderness

When an individual or group obtains a wilderness permit, the following camping conditions are in effect. Under 2.10(c), violating these conditions is prohibited and the permit may be suspended or revoked.

- With the exception of people on big wall climbs, all persons who wish to sleep overnight, camp, bivouac, or are in possession of equipment designed for overnight use in the wilderness/backcountry, must obtain and carry with them at all times a wilderness permit (one permit per group). The permit is valid only for the dates/trailheads indicated.
- Washing and water used for rinsing must be disposed of at least 100 feet from lakes and streams in the wilderness.
- Camping is prohibited in the following areas:
  - Parker Pass Creek watershed
  - Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River watershed
  - Gaylor Creek watershed
  - Lukens Lake
  - Budd Creek watershed
  - The top of Half Dome
  - Within 100 feet of a trail, flowing stream, river or any body of water, unless designated, and as follows: Camping is permitted within 100 feet of a stream, trail or body of water provided that a well established campsite exists and terrain permits no other options. In no case will camping be permitted within 25 feet of a stream, trail or body of water.
  - Below the high water line at both Lake Eleanor and Hetch Hetchy
  - Any area within one mile of a public access road
  - Any area within four trail miles of a trailhead in:
    - Yosemite Valley
    - Hetch Hetchy
    - Wawona
    - Glacier Point
    - Tuolumne Meadows
- When Glacier Point road is closed due to winter conditions, camping is prohibited in the following areas:
  - Within 1½ miles of the Badger Pass ski area boundary
  - Summit Meadow, Dewey Point and the Glacier Point area.
- Camping is restricted in the following areas to campgrounds designated by posted signs:
  - Little Yosemite Valley campground
  - Moraine Dome campground
  - No camping is permitted in the area between Happy Isles and the junction of Sunrise Creek Trail and Half Dome Trail
  - Lake Eleanor (campground and Frog Creek)
  - Merced Lake High Sierra Camp
  - Sunrise High Sierra Camp
  - Vogelsang High Sierra Camp

- Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp
- May Lake High Sierra Camp
- Camping is prohibited in the following areas:
  - Happy Isles to Little Yosemite Valley campground
  - Between Little Yosemite Valley campground and Moraine Dome campground; including the area below 6,800 feet elevation from the east end of Moraine Dome to Grizzly Peak
  - Between Little Yosemite Valley campground and the Sunrise Trail Junction
  - In the Lost Lake basin, except camping is permitted at Snake Dike and the Diving Board.
- Camping in the Mariposa Grove is prohibited, except from December 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15 only above the Clothespin Tree and if the Mariposa Grove Road is closed to public vehicle access.

*Camping is an intensive use of park resources. All of the camping regulations are in effect to protect 1) the natural features of the park from the abuses which can result when camping activities go unchecked, and 2) the quality of the visitor's camping experience. Limitations on camping days, persons per site, trailhead quotas, etc., seek to achieve this protection while still providing an equitable allocation of camping opportunities. Other restrictions seek to avoid exposing visitors to hazards or conflicts with other visitor groups (concession trips, heavy day use).*

**(d) The following conditions are established to regulate food storage:**

Food and food containers must be stored by the methods outlined below at all times. Open food containers must be within 6 feet of an awake person.

Food Storage - Non-Wilderness Areas

- In a properly closed bear resistant food locker.
- In a properly closed NPS approved bear resistant portable food container.
- In a properly closed bear resistant dumpster.
- In the interior of a vehicle which is occupied and under the physical control of the operator or occupant; and occupants are not camping, [see 36 CFR 1.4 definition of camping].
- During daylight hours in the interior of a vehicle which has all windows, vents, and doors closed and the food is out of sight.
- From sunset to sunrise food must not be stored in the interior of a vehicle except in any of the following circumstances:
  - The vehicle is an occupied hard-sided motor home or travel trailer and food is not visible and not odoriferous from the outside.
  - The vehicle is a hard-sided motor home or travel trailer with windows, vents, and doors closed, and food is not visible and not odoriferous from the outside.
  - The vehicle is parked in an area where bear proof food storage lockers are not available and the food is not visible or odiferous from the outside.
- Inside a hard sided building that is occupied or has windows and doors closed.
- Occupants of canvas sided structures must store food in food lockers, refrigerators fitted with latches and are properly latched, or other animal resistant container.

Food Storage - Wilderness Areas

Any person camping within the Yosemite Wilderness is required to store food items, items carrying food scents and toiletries in National Park Service approved bear resistant food storage containers. All other food storage systems are prohibited in the Wilderness. This requirement applies during those periods when items are not being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption, or when items are unattended for a sufficient time to allow a bear access to them. Items must be kept in approved containers which are closed and secured properly.

An exception to the above requirements is granted for winter use in designated areas within Yosemite Wilderness. Overnight visitors using skis or snowshoes in the following areas are not

required to store food in bear resistant food canisters: 1) above 7200 feet in elevation or 2) above 6800 feet and within a ½ mile of a marked ski trail. Overnight visitors are required to hang their food to protect it from wildlife. The winter use exception is in effect from December 15th of each year until March 30th the following year unless otherwise designated by the Superintendent.

- Little Yosemite Valley campground, Lake Eleanor campground, and High Sierra Camp backpacker campgrounds:
  - All food must be stored in one of the following ways:
    - In a properly closed bear resistant food locker.
    - In a properly closed NPS approved bear resistant portable food container.

### **36 CFR § 2.11 – PICNICKING**

- The following areas are closed to picnicking:
  - All closed Yosemite Valley Campgrounds
  - All open Yosemite Valley Campgrounds except from October 15<sup>th</sup> to the closing date of each campground. However, picnickers must yield campground sites to persons who wish to camp.
  - Wawona, Hodgdon Meadow, and Crane Flat Campgrounds during reservation period when posted.
- Food must not be left unattended.

### **36 CFR § 2.12 - AUDIO DISTURBANCES**

- The following developed areas are open to the use of power saws with a wood cutting permit: Yosemite Valley, El Portal, Foresta, Hodgdon Meadow, and Wawona woodlots.

### **36 CFR § 2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

- Fires are allowed in the following areas:
  - Campgrounds
  - Picnic areas with fire grates
  - Residential areas
  - As a condition of a permit or for administrative activities.
  - In Little Yosemite Valley and in the May Lake, Glen Aulin, and Sunrise High Sierra Camp campgrounds, fires are allowed only in the communal fire rings provided.
  - Wilderness campsites below 9600 feet in existing fire rings, except on top of Half Dome, at Lower Cathedral Lake, and within ¼ mile of the shoreline of Kibbie Lake.
  - Beaches are not designated for fires and therefore prohibited.
- Fires are allowed under the following conditions:
  - Fires may only be lighted in grates, grills, fire rings, cook stoves, or barbecue grills
  - The construction of new fire rings is prohibited.
  - Burning of giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron Giganteum*) is prohibited
  - The burning of leaves, tree needles, conifer cones, and wet or green wood is prohibited except in residential areas for the purpose of clearing for a defensible space against wildfire in Wawona, Foresta, and Aspen Valley.
  - At the discretion of the Superintendent, fires may be prohibited during some periods and at specified locations during extreme fire conditions or when poor air quality conditions exist.
  - From May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>, all wood fires are restricted in Yosemite Valley campgrounds and picnic areas to between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
    - Wood fires during this time frame are to be dry wood only.
    - From October 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, wood fires are allowed any time.

- Administrative activities and the heating of buildings/residences are excepted from this restriction.
- These conditions do not apply to wood stove fires used for heating buildings, residences, and for administrative activities.

**(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

- All fires should be completely extinguished with no burning material remaining. If a portable barbecue grill is used, all ashes/coals must be thoroughly extinguished and cooled and then removed from the park or placed in a trash receptacle.

**36 CFR § 2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE**

**(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:**

- In nondeveloped areas, solid human waste must be buried 6-inches deep in the soil or follow 36 CFR for direction. Where soil depth does not allow for a 6-inch burial, solid human waste shall be buried half the distance of the existing soil depth.
- Toilet paper must be packed out.
- Solid human waste excreted while on any climb in Yosemite National Park must be placed in a small container carried off the climb and disposed of in one of the vault toilets provided by the National Park Service.

**36 CFR § 2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) The following structures/areas are closed to pets except for service animals:**

- All trails
- Nondeveloped and any designated Wilderness areas
- Specific areas as posted by signs
- Camp 4, Tamarack Campground, Porcupine Flat Campground, parts of Yosemite Creek Campground, and all walk-in and backpacker campgrounds
- Nondeveloped areas of Tuolumne Meadows (The intent of this limit is to restrict pets from within the open natural areas and trails of Tuolumne Meadows, but not the road corridor or parking areas).
- When snow depth is sufficient for skiing, pets are not permitted on unplowed roads.
- Mariposa Grove Tram Road

**(a)(1) Pets are allowed in the following structures/areas:**

- Permanent residential areas
- Fully paved roads, walkways, and bicycle pathways
- Meadow Loop and Four-Mile fire roads in Wawona
- Carlon Road and Old Big Oak Flat Road between Hodgdon Meadow and Hazel Green Creek.
- Eleven-Mile and Chowchilla Mountain roads.

**(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed in accordance with the following conditions:**

- Pet excrement must be removed and disposed of in waste receptacles.

**(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:**

- Residents may keep pets in accordance with the current Pet Policy for Yosemite National Park, as approved by the Superintendent. Such document is, by reference made part of these regulations (see attached document.)

### **36 CFR § 2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

#### **(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals:**

- Horses, Mules, Burros, and Llamas

#### **(b) The use of horses or pack animals is permitted on the following trails, routes, or areas:**

- All unpaved foot trails in Yosemite Valley
- Wawona Meadow Loop Road, Four-Mile Road, and Eleven-Mile Road
- All park trails except the following:
  - All portions of the Mist Trail from Happy Isles to Nevada Falls
  - The Gaylor Lakes Foot Trail from Tioga Pass Entrance Station to Gaylor Lakes.
  - Chilnaulna Falls Foot Trail from parking area in North Wawona to junction with Horse Trail.
  - Llamas are not allowed on the High Sierra Camp Loop, the Vernal/Nevada Falls corridor, or the river trail from Nevada Falls to Merced Lake. Exceptions may be made for Pacific Crest Trail and John Muir trail users with written permission of the Superintendent or designee.
  - All trails in the Mariposa Grove except the east section of the Outer Loop Trail in the Upper Grove. Specifically stock are only permitted on the Outer Loop Trail in the Upper Grove between the intersection of the Wawona Trail on the north boundary of the Grove and the Fish Camp Trail on the south boundary of the Grove. Grazing is prohibited in the meadow areas of the Grove.
  - Bicycle paths, tram roads, shuttle bus routes, and the Mirror Lake road are specifically closed to stock use except for administrative activities.
  - Other areas and trails as signed.

#### **(d) Free-trailing or loose-herding is permitted on the following trails/routes, subject to the conditions noted:**

- Only when reasonable or prudent to prevent injury to stock or people.

#### **(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:**

- Off Trail or cross-country travel is prohibited except within one-fourth mile of the trail for purposes of watering and rest stops or overnight camping.
- Stock users are specifically prohibited from establishing new trails and from the short cutting of trails and switchbacks.
- Stock parties must travel in single file whenever possible.
- Wilderness overnight stock parties on designated trails are limited to 25 head of stock and 15 people.
- Wilderness overnight stock parties using authorized non-maintained stock routes are limited to 12 head of stock and 8 people.
- The maximum number of stock for parties not spending nights in the wilderness is 25 head of stock on designated trails and 12 head on other authorized stock routes.
- Grazing is permitted except within four miles of trailheads and paved roads or immediately surrounding any of the High Sierra Camps.
- Tying to trees for periods longer than is needed to load and unload is prohibited.
- When picketed on a line, stock must be tied so they cannot chew on tree bark or eat the leaves of woody vegetation.
- Stock must be picketed at least 100 feet from any stream, lake, or spring.
- Stock may be tied within a campsite only when unloading and loading.
- Overnight camping with stock in the non-Wilderness is permitted only within the designated areas of the following campgrounds: Tuolumne Meadows, Hetchy Campground, Bridalveil, and Wawona under the following conditions:
  - Grazing is not allowed
  - Feed must be provided by camper

- Campers are required to thoroughly clean the campsite on a daily basis. Manure and uneaten fodder must be raked, bagged, and deposited in the dumpster provided.
- Watering facilities must be used when they are provided.

### **36 CFR § 2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY**

- The following is prohibited:
  - Jumping from a cliff or other fixed object with a parachute or similar device.
  - Landing with a parachute or other device after jumping.

*Determination: This prohibition conforms to NPS regulations.*

#### **(a)(1) The following areas have been designated pursuant to special regulations for operating or using aircraft:**

- Hang gliding is allowed by permit at locations and areas designated in the permit. 7.16(c)

#### **(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is allowed, subject to written authorizations from the Superintendent, under the following terms and conditions:**

- A permit is required for the removal of any downed aircraft

### **36 CFR § 2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES**

- The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed in the following areas:
  - Yosemite Village Mall
  - Bicycle paths in Yosemite Valley
  - Residential areas

### **36 CFR § 2.21 – SMOKING**

#### **(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking:**

- All public buildings and public areas of concession buildings (including restrooms)
- Within 25 feet of any entrance or exit primarily accessed by the visiting public.
- Other areas as posted
- Smoking while traveling on trails is prohibited. Persons who wish to smoke must stop and remain in one location until they have extinguished their smoking material.

### **36 CFR § 2.22 – PROPERTY**

#### **(a)(2) The following describes areas where property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours, and the conditions under which property may be left:**

- Visitors on permitted overnight trips into or through wilderness areas may leave their vehicles unattended for the period specified by their wilderness permit.
- Visitors with overnight accommodation in lodges or campgrounds may leave their vehicles unattended for the period of their stay. Permits must be displayed.
- Any motor vehicle which is immobile because it is not capable of moving under its own power due to mechanical malfunction or any vehicle which is inoperable because it cannot be operated legally on public roads because it is unlicensed or unregistered may be impounded by the Superintendent through the following process:
  - The owner of the vehicle will be notified of pending impoundment. Leaving a notice on or in the vehicle, at the owner's residence, or issuing a notice directly to the owner fulfills the notification process. 10 days after notification the vehicle may be impounded.
- Unattended property or vehicles which contain improperly stored food or food containers located in any public area may be impounded at the owner's expense.
- Individuals leaving pets unattended or in violation of California Penal Code 597.7(a) are subject to immediate impoundment of their property/pet.

### **36 CFR § 2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:**

#### **Entrance Fee Areas:**

- Yosemite National Park collects entrance fees at the Arch Rock Entrance Station, South Entrance Station, Big Oak Flat Entrance Station, Tioga Pass Entrance Station, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station when these stations are open.
- Employees or residents are not required to pay entrance fees. A permit (decal) must be displayed on their vehicle in the lower left hand corner of the driver's side windshield. Permits are issued at the South Entrance Station, Big Oak Flat Entrance Station, Arch Rock Entrance Station, and at employee orientations. A permittee must remove the sticker prior to the sale of the vehicle, at the expiration of the sticker, and at the termination of employment.

#### **(c) The collection of recreation fees will be suspended during the following periods:**

- Periods of wildfire, power failures, or other emergencies as authorized by the Superintendent.



### **36 CFR § 2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:**

- The following areas are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages:
  - Visitor centers and auditoriums unless a temporary permit to sell and/or consume alcoholic beverages has been issued by the Superintendent.
  - Amphitheaters and other sites designated for interpretive programs unless a temporary permit to sell and/or consume alcoholic beverages has been issued by the Superintendent.
  - Trams, tour and shuttle buses.
  - Any ski lift at Badger Pass.
  - On the property of any business not approved for consumption.
- The following areas are closed to possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages:
  - Stoneman Bridge
  - Housekeeping Bridge
  - Clark Bridge
  - Ahwahnee Bridge
  - Swinging Bridge (Yosemite Valley)
  - Sentinel Bridge
  - Sugar Pine Bridge
  - Superintendent's Bridge
- Other than during posted times of operation, the following areas are closed to the possession of open containers and consumption:
  - Degnan's Complex
  - Village Grill
  - Curry Village pizza deck, seating areas adjacent to the retail stores, and courtyard benches.
  - Tuolumne Meadows Grill and Store
  - Badger Pass Lodge
  - Wawona Hotel Golf Shop
  - Yosemite Lodge plaza and patio.
  - The Ahwahnee patio and courtyard.

*The consumption of alcohol at these locations has interfered with the enjoyment of the park by others. These restrictions are necessary to maintain order and provide for visitor safety.*

### **36 CFR § 2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Permits are required for any special event utilizing park areas.
- Written application for a permit is requested 30 days, but cannot be made less than 72 hours, prior to the date desired for the event. Consideration will be given only to those activities where there is a meaningful association between the park area and the event, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area.
- The permittee must abide by all conditions and amendments to the permit.
- Special events such as walk-a-thons, races, endurance runs or competitive events, commercial or otherwise, will not be permitted in wilderness areas
- Solicitation activities (per 36 CFR § 2.37) are prohibited except subject to a permit with the approval of the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR § 2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS**

#### **(a) Permits are required for any public assembly, meeting, gathering, parade, or other public expression of views within park areas.**

- Written applications for permits must be submitted to the Superintendent 30 days, but no less than 72 hours, prior to the date desired for the event.
- The Permittee must abide by all conditions and amendments to the permit.
- The activity must not conflict with any scheduled NPS function/program.
- Solicitation activities (per 36 CFR § 2.37) are prohibited except subject to a permit with the approval of the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR § 2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

#### **(a) Permits are required for the sale or distribution of printed matter within park areas.**

- Written application for a permit is requested 30 days, but cannot be made less than 72 hours, prior to the date desired for the event.
- The Permittee must abide by all conditions and amendments to the permit.
- The printed matter may not be solely commercial advertising.
- Solicitation activities (per 36 CFR § 2.37) are prohibited except subject to a permit with the approval of the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR § 2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

#### **(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains in the following areas, and/or according to the following terms and conditions.**

- The scattering of human ashes from cremation is allowed pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit as outlined below:
  - The remains to be scattered must have been processed by pulverization after cremation.
  - The scattering of human ashes by persons on the ground is to be performed out of sight of park visitors and at least 100 yards from any trail, road, walkway, parking area, developed facility, watercourse, or body of water.
  - The scattering of cremated remains from the air is prohibited.
  - Ashes must be scattered over an area large enough so that they will not accumulate in one place.
  - No marker of any kind may be left to commemorate the event.
  - No publicity is to be given to this activity.
  - The use of a commercial, for profit venture to distribute cremated remains in the park is prohibited.
  - Except for the authorization to scatter cremated human remains, nothing in this permit shall be construed as authorizing an entry or activity otherwise prohibited or restricted by law or regulation.

[Note: the installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in Yosemite National Park is prohibited by 2.62(a) of the general regulations. However, names may be added to the Book of Memories located in the Yosemite Chapel in Yosemite Valley.]

### **36 CFR § 3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING**

#### **(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:**

- At the pool of the Wawona Domestic Water Intake and that area within 100 yards upstream.
- Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and one mile from the high water mark of the reservoir along any tributary directly flowing into the reservoir.
- Lake Eleanor Reservoir when posted.
- Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River above the domestic water source intake.
- Emerald Pool and the Silver Apron.

#### **(a)(2) The following restrictions apply to all swimming and bathing activities:**

- The use of any soap, detergent, or shampoo (biodegradable or otherwise) is prohibited in all waters of the park.

### **36 CFR § 4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT, AND SIZE LIMITS**

**(a) The following load, weight, and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:**

- In addition to the following; load, weight, and size limits listed in the other sections of this document are made a part of 36 CFR § 4.11.
- Except for the Wawona Road, all highways that enter the park fall into the California legal size restrictions.
  - California legal trucks must be no longer than 14 feet high, 102 inches wide, and 40 feet long if a single vehicle, and 65 feet long if a combination vehicle. An overall length exception to 75 feet is given for a truck, tractor, semi trailer, trailer combinations (doubles) if each trailer is no more than 28 feet six inches long.
    - California legal truck with single trailer:
      - Semi trailer = no limit
      - KPRA = 40 feet maximum (if two axles in rear)
      - KPRA = 38 feet maximum (if one axle in rear)
      - Combination length = 65 feet maximum
    - California legal truck with double trailer:
      - Semi trailer = 28 feet 6 inches maximum
      - Trailer = 28 feet 6 inches maximum
      - KPRA = no limit
      - Combination length = 75 feet maximum
    - or-
    - Either trailer or semi trailer = 28 feet 6 inches maximum; the other trailer has no limit.
    - KPRA = no limit
    - Combination length = 65 feet maximum
- The following kingpin-to-rear-axle (KPRA) distance are established for park roads:
  - The Wawona Road has a KPRA of 40 feet.
  - The Big Oak Flat Road has a KPRA of less than 30 feet.
  - The Tioga Pass Road has a KPRA of 40 feet
  - The El Portal Road has a KPRA of 32 feet.
- During periods when road base of specific park roads is saturated, a weight restriction for vehicles of 14000 pounds will be signed and enforced.

*Additional vehicle load, weight, and size limits can be found in 36 CFR § 1.5 Visiting Hours, Public Use Limits, Closures, and Area Designations for Specific Use of Activities.*

### **36 CFR § 4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

**(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:**

- The maximum speed on park roads is 35 mph unless posted otherwise.
- When and where chain controls are in effect, the maximum speed shall be 25 mph.
- The speed limit approaching and leaving all entrance station areas is 20 mph.

*The roads in Yosemite are steep, narrow, and winding; vehicles cannot safely negotiate turns at higher speeds. The lower speed limits are necessary to reduce risk of personal injury and damage to the property and the natural resource.*

### **36 CFR § 4.30 – BICYCLES**

#### **(a) Bicycle use is permitted on park roads, parking areas, and on the following designated routes:**

- Paved trails designated as “bicycle ways” on the official park brochure.
- Meadow Loop, Eleven Mile, and Four Mile Fire roads in Wawona.
- At the Superintendent's discretion, bicycles may be permitted on certain closed roads such as the Glacier Point and Mariposa Grove Roads when no other conflicts exist.
- Spring bicycle use of the Tioga Road is permitted on days and during times in which no snow removal activities are under way, when the road is cleared of snow but not yet opened to vehicle traffic, and subject to any limits or restrictions set by the Superintendent.
- The following routes are closed to bicycle use:
  - Mariposa Grove Tram Road
  - The surface of the O’Shaughnessy Dam
  - All dirt roads starting from the gate at the top of O’Shaughnessy Dam leading to areas below the dam.
  - Cyclists on rental bicycles are prohibited on the bicycle path between Mirror Lake and the bicycle racks at the base of the Mirror Lake Road.
  - Yosemite Falls paved trails where signed closed to bicyclists.

*The roads are closed to bicycles to limit risk of serious injury to bicyclist, pedestrians, or motorists. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir poses security concerns which limit bicycle use to roads open only to motor vehicles.*

### **36 CFR § 4.31 – HITCHHIKING**

- Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:
  - All areas of the park when the person is off the roadway surface and when public safety and traffic flow are not adversely affected.
  - When vehicles may safely pull off of the main traffic lane into a turnout or safely onto the shoulder to allow for the passengers to be received.
  - When not under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs.
  - When hitchhiking behavior is safe and not a nuisance
  - Except in residential areas where signs exist establishing the area as residential areas only and discouraging public traffic.

# Appendix

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## **Yosemite National Park Pet Policy**

This policy includes government housing within Yosemite National Park and in the El Portal Administrative Site. The pet policy is a condition of the Housing Assignment Agreement.

### **Objective:**

To provide the occupants of government furnished housing the opportunity to have and keep pets where appropriate and provide management with the direction for administering a pet policy for occupants of government furnished housing.

### **Conditions:**

The following conditions will govern the keeping of pets in Yosemite National Park and the El Portal Administrative Site.

1. Within Yosemite National Park and the El Portal Administrative Site, pet ownership is restricted to two (2) pets per household. This will include cats, dogs, and other normal non-intrusive small household pets. Farm-type animals will not be permitted as pets. Wild animals native to the Park shall not be permitted as pets.
2. Pets within Yosemite National Park must be contained within the residence, under physical restraint, or on a leash at all times. Under no circumstances may a pet be left unattended on a leash or zip wire unless a responsible person is available to monitor the activities of the pet.
3. Pets are not permitted in any seasonal/shared housing units. The only exception is guide dogs accompanying visually or hearing impaired persons, and authorized dogs used by law enforcement personnel. For such exceptions, the employee must petition the Superintendent, in writing, prior to occupying the house for written approval.
4. Pets will not be allowed in summer assignment stations such as Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, Glacier Point, and Hetch-Hetchy. The Superintendent may grant exceptions for working search dogs, law enforcement and guide dogs.
5. Pet owners within the El Portal Administrative Site shall not let dogs run at large. (Meaning off the premises of the owner and not under reasonable control or restraint of the owner)

6. Mariposa County ordinance require dogs must be kept on a leash at all times in public areas. This includes; county parks, county recreation areas, school or school grounds, public streets, and trailer parks.
7. All dogs must be registered and licensed in compliance with county ordinances and state laws. Dogs must have two current inoculations for rabies and DHL (distemper, leptospirosis and hepatitis). Dogs shall bear a collar at all times. Cats must be inoculated for rabies and distemper.
8. Any pet observed running at large and observed by an authorized person to be in the act of killing, injuring, or molesting humans or wildlife, may be disposed of in the interest of public safety and protection of the wildlife. The owner is liable for any associated expenses.
9. Pet owner requesting to install a run or fenced enclosure must request permission from the park superintendent, per the Yosemite Yard Care Policy.
10. Pet owners are responsible for the action of their pets, and have an obligation beyond their assigned premises for the comfort and safety of neighbors. This will include:
  - Activities of pets shall not disturb, menace, or inconvenience others by destroying the peace and quiet of any person or neighborhood with unreasonable barking or howling.
  - Messes made by pets defecating will be cleaned up immediately. The pet owner is responsible for properly disposing of the pet's fecal matter.
  - Pet owners are liable for any excessive cleaning or damages to government property.
  - Pet owners will be financially responsible for any personal injury caused by their pets.
11. The breeding of all pets is prohibited except by permit from the Superintendent. If a female is bred accidentally, offspring shall be removed before they are three months old. It is recommended that females should be spayed and males neutered.
12. Pets shall not be permitted in offices or in government vehicles.

**Failure to comply with this policy and regulations may result in the following administrative or law enforcement action:**

- A. First offense, pet owner will receive a written warning from Superintendent.
- B. Second violators will be issued final written warning, may be cited or required to appear in court to answer charges depending on the severity.
- C. Third violation within a twenty-four (24) month period, pet privileges will be revoked. Responsible occupant will be required to remove the pet from government premises permanently or vacate government furnished housing.

**Authority:**

As a matter of policy, enforcement of pet regulations is the responsibility of the Superintendent. In addition, Mariposa County pet ordinances also apply in the El Portal Administrative Site and are jointly enforced with the Mariposa County Sheriff.



National Park Service  
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK  
Commercial Use Authorization

**(2008 COMMERCIAL BUS OPERATIONS)**

**1. Holder** (Fill in information below. Please print legibly.)

NAME ↓

Park Alpha Code: YOSE

COMPANY ↓

Authorization #: 8800-08- (Official Use Only)

ADDRESS ↓

Type of Use: Visitor Services

Date Authorization Approved 10/2007

TELEPHONE NUMBER ↓

↓ FAX NUMBER

Reviewed 10/2007

California PUC Authority #

Dept of Transportation Authority #

Expires 01/31/2009

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DOT-

2. The holder is hereby authorized to use the following described land or facilities in the above named area:

**Areas within Yosemite National Park open to the general public and designated by the attached permit conditions. The area must be restored to its original condition at the end of the authorization.**

3. The authorization begins at 12:01 (A.M.) on January 1, 2008 (Month/Day/Year)

4. The authorization expires at 12:00 (A.M.) on January 31, 2009 (Month/Day/Year).

5. SUMMARY OF AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY: (see attached sheets for additional information and conditions) **The Holder is authorized to operate commercial passenger carrying vehicles (bus, van and/or limousine) for the purpose of transporting organized tour groups within Yosemite National Park.**

**XX Out- of- Park:** The visitor services described above must originate and terminate outside of the boundaries of the park area. This authorization does not authorize the holder to advertise, solicit business, collect fees, or sell any goods or services within the boundaries of the park area.

**In-Park:** The visitor services described above must originate and be provided solely within the boundaries of the park area.

6. Authorizing legislation or other authority: **Section 418, P.L. 105-391: 16 USC 1, 1A; 36 CFR Parts 1-7**

7. NEPA Compliance: **CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED** X EA/FONSI        EIS        OTHER APPROVED PLANS       

8. NHPA Section 106 Compliance: No Effect        No Adverse Effect, pursuant to Special Conditions R (7), BB, and BB(2).

9. APPLICATION FEE Received        Not Required        Amount **\$ 50.00 (Fee Waived)**

10. LIABILITY INSURANCE: Required X Amount \$ **(Reference Special Park Condition E, Page 5)**

11. COST RECOVERY: Required X Amount **\$ 350.00 (Fee Waived for commercial bus companies)**

**ISSUANCE of this authorization is subject to the attached conditions.** The undersigned hereby accepts this authorization subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein.

12. Signatures. (Please sign using blue ink)

Authorization Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Signature (Print Name & Title) Date

Authorizing NPS Official: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (for) Superintendent Yosemite National Park Date

## CONDITIONS OF THIS AUTHORIZATION

1. The holder is prohibited from giving false information, to do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation: [RE:36 CFR 2.32(a)(3)].
2. The holder shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the Superintendent, and shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the area and terms and conditions of the authorization. The Holder will comply with any special instructions received from the Superintendent, and/or representative thereof, concerning activities within Yosemite National Park.
3. This authorization is issued upon the express condition that the United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the (holder), its agents or employees, or third parties, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this agreement or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by the (holder) in connection herewith, and the (Holder) hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents, and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.
4. Holder agrees to carry general liability insurance against claims occasioned by the action or omissions of the holder, its agents and employees in carrying out activities and operations under this authorization. The policy shall be in the amount of (See page 5, Condition E of this authorization) and underwritten by a United States company naming the United States of America (National Park Service, park name and address) as additionally insured. Holder agrees to have on file with the park copies of the above insurance with the proper endorsements.
5. Cost incurred by the park as a result of accepting and processing the application and managing and monitoring the authorization activity will be reimbursed by the holder. Administrative costs and estimated costs for activities on site must be paid when the authorization is approved. If any additional costs are incurred by the park, the holder will be billed at the conclusion of the authorization.
6. Benefit - Neither Members of, nor Delegates to Congress, or Resident Commissioners shall be admitted to any share or part of this authorization or derive, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefit to arise therefrom: Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any incorporated company, if the authorization be for the benefit of such corporation.
7. This authorization may not be transferred or assigned without the written consent of the Superintendent.
8. This authorization may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the Superintendent.
9. Holder will comply with applicable public health and sanitation standards and codes.
10. The holder is not entitled to any preference to renewal of this authorization except to the extent otherwise expressly provided by law. This authorization is not exclusive and is not a concession contract.

Conditions continued

11. The holder must acquire all permits or licenses of State or local government, as applicable, necessary to provide the services described above, and, must operate in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including, without limitation, all applicable park area policies, procedures and regulations. The commercial services described above are to be provided to park area visitors at reasonable rates and under operating conditions satisfactory to the park area superintendent.

12. The holder shall not construct any structures, fixtures or improvements in the park area. The holder shall not engage in any groundbreaking activities without the express, written approval of the park area superintendent.

13. The holder is to provide the park area superintendent upon request (and in any event, immediately after expiration of this authorization) a statement of its gross receipts from its activities under this authorization and any other specific information related to the holder's operations that the park area superintendent may request, including but not limited to, visitor use statistics and resource impact assessments.

14. The holder is to maintain an accounting system under which its accounts can be readily identified with its system of accounts classification. This accounting system must be capable of providing the information required by this authorization. The holder grants the United States of America and the General Accounting Office access to its books and records at any time for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this authorization.

## APPENDIX SPECIAL PARK CONDITIONS

### ***Definitions:***

***Holder:*** For the purpose of this authorization the word “Holder” shall mean a person, company and/or corporation to whom this Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) has been issued. This definition shall include employees and/or agents of the person, company and/or corporation to whom this authorization is issued.

***Commercial Bus:*** For the purpose of this authorization the term “Commercial Bus” shall mean any type of commercial transportation service provided to Park area visitors where passengers are conveyed into and/or out of the Park area by motor vehicle for a direct to indirect fee or charge and, except for on-board interpretative services, no other services are provided. This definition includes, but is not limited to sedans, SUVs, mini-vans, vans, mini-buses, motor coaches, taxis and limousines used for commercial transportation services. This definition does not allow for guided hiking, backpacking or bicycling activities conducted by the Holder. (See Special Park Condition G.)

***Commercial Tour:*** For the purpose of this authorization the term “Commercial Tour” shall consist of one or more persons traveling on an itinerary that has been packaged, priced or sold for leisure/recreational purposes by an organization that realizes financial gain through the provision of the service. (Tours involving guided hiking, backpacking, photography workshops or bicycling activities are required to obtain a separate CUA for those activities.) (See Special Park Condition G.)

***Private Charter Tour:*** For the purpose of this authorization the term “Private Charter and/or Private Charter Tour” shall mean a private, non-commercial, non-profit tour. The tour must be initiated and planned by private individual and/or group and must be operated on a not-for-profit basis. The use of a commercial bus for transportation of the private charter group does not constitute a “commercial tour”. (Reference NPS Directors Order 22.) (Tours involving guided hiking, backpacking, photography workshops or bicycling activities are required to obtain a separate CUA for those activities.) (See Special Park Condition G.)

***Tour Group:*** Unless otherwise specified, for the purpose of this authorization the term “Tour Group” shall mean any group of passengers, private or commercial, using any mode of commercial transportation to travel in Yosemite National Park.

***National Park Service Regulations:*** Information on National Park Regulations (Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, sections 1-7) may be accessed at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/retrieve.html>.

**A. Acknowledgement** - In accepting this authorization, the Holder acknowledges that the proposed activity, in order to qualify for a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA), must bear a direct relationship to the purpose for which the Park was established, *i.e.*, visitor understanding and enjoyment of the Park. Even though the activity may be primarily recreational in nature, the Holder agrees to provide time, stops, and talks to accurately explain the natural ecosystems, history and culture of the Park to their clientele.

**B. Use Limits** - It is expressly understood that the superintendent may impose public use limits based upon his authority stated in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5.. Furthermore, **it is understood that possession of this Authorization does not guarantee entry into Yosemite National Park or Yosemite Valley**, and that entrance into the Park or Yosemite Valley may be closed or restricted from time to time in response to crowded conditions or natural events. It is also understood that access to Yosemite National Park and certain areas within the Park may be restricted in the future to protect Park resources and assure quality visitor experiences or due to the implementation of special park projects.

**C. Employee / Agent Responsibility** - The Holder and all participants authorized herein must comply with the conditions of this authorization including all exhibits or amendments or written directions of the Park Superintendent. The Holder shall insure that all employees and customers (Tour Group Company/Guides) entering the Park are informed of all "Special Park Conditions" of this authorization. (The Holder may be cited for any violations of the authorization committed by their employee and/or agent while acting under this authorization.)

**D. Damages** - The Holder shall pay the United States for any damage resulting from this use, which would not reasonably be inherent in the use, which the Holder is authorized to make of the park area described in this authorization.

**E. Indemnification** - The Holder shall save, hold harmless, defend and indemnify the United States Government, its agents and employees for losses, damages or judgments and expenses on account of fire or other peril, bodily injury, death or property damage, or claims for bodily injury, death or property damage of any nature whatsoever, and by whomsoever made, arising out of the activities of the Holder, his employees, subcontractors or agents under this authorization.

- a. (1) The Holder shall purchase at a minimum the types and amounts of insurance coverage as stated herein and agree to comply with any revised insurance limits the Director may require during the term of this authorization.
- (2) The Holder shall provide the Superintendent with a Statement of Insurance and Certificate of Insurance at the inception of this authorization and upon renewal of insurance thereafter, and shall provide the Superintendent thirty (30) days advance written notice of any material change in the Holder's insurance program hereunder.
- (3) The Superintendent will not be responsible for any omissions or inadequacies of insurance coverage and amounts if such prove to be inadequate or otherwise insufficient for any reason whatsoever.
- b. Public Liability. The Holder shall provide comprehensive general liability insurance against claims occasioned by actions or omissions of the Holder in carrying out the activities and operations authorized hereunder. Such insurance shall be in the amount commensurate with the degree of risk and the scope and size of such activities authorized herein, but in any event, the limits of liability shall not be less than limits set by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMSCA) for interstate motor carriers and by the California Public Utilities Commission for California (CPUC) based motor carriers.

<u>Amount of Coverage</u>	<u>Vehicle Seating Capacity</u>
(1) \$750,000	for any vehicle with a seating capacity of 7 passengers or less. (CPUC)
(2) \$1,500,000	for any vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less. (FMCSA)
Or -	for any vehicle with a seating capacity 8 passengers through 15 passengers, inclusive (CPUC)
(3) \$5,000,000	for any vehicle with a seating capacity of 16 passengers or more.(FMCSA & CPUC)
c.	The Holder shall provide insurance coverage based upon the largest capacity vehicle it will operate in the Park. The Superintendent reserves the right to revise the minimum required limits. If claims reduce available insurance below the required per occurrence limits, the Holder shall obtain additional insurance to restore the required limits. An umbrella or excess liability policy, in addition to a comprehensive general liability policy, may be used to achieve the required limits.
(1)	All liability policies shall specify that the insurance company shall have no right of subrogation against the United States of America and shall provide that the <b>United States Government is named as Additional Insured.</b>

**F. Advertising** - Advertising for the authorized activity shall not state or imply endorsement by Yosemite National Park or the National Park Service. Commercial photography or commercial filming of advertisements within Yosemite National Park may require a separate filming permit which must be approved by the Superintendent. (Contact the Office of Special Park Uses at (209) 379-1854 for further information.)  
Special Park Conditions continued

**G. Additional Permits** – The holder may be required to obtain additional permits to conduct activities not authorized by this permit. It is the responsibility of the **Commercial Tour Operator** to obtain any additional authorization for activities not covered under this CUA. Examples of additional authorization requirements, though not limited to these, are any situations requiring a wilderness use permit, guided hiking on park trails, livestock use, educational seminars, etc. **(Note) Commercial bicycle tours are not allowed within Yosemite National Park.** For additional information or authorization regarding additional tour activities contact the Office of Special Park Uses at (209) 379-1851.

**H. Entry Fees\*\*** - Holder agrees to pay **all applicable** entrance fees in effect at the time of arrival at the Park entrance station or designated fee collection site. The entrance fee must be paid in full at the time of entry, or upon exit if the entrance station is closed during entry. It is **mandatory** that drivers or clients have in their possession an authorized credit card, company check, money order, the correct amount of cash, or PAD form upon arrival at the Park entrance. Companies entering the Park fifty (50) or more times per year are required to sign up for the Pre Authorized Debit Program (PAD). *(Contact the Fee Management office at 209-372-0316 for further information. The Park entry fee allows for a consecutive seven-day visit. For a group making a multiple day visit to Yosemite the entry fee entitles the “same group” on the “same bus/vehicle” to enter for up to seven consecutive days for the one entry fee. Checks may be made payable to the “Department of Interior/National Park Service” or “DOI / NPS”).*

**I. Fee Fraud** - Attempting to avoid payment of appropriate fees is a violation of federal law. **Any attempt at fee fraud will result in the revocation of this authorization and the Holder will be subject to criminal prosecution.**

**J. Safety** - The Holder shall take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety of its clients, its employees, other Park visitors, and Park employees.

**K. Harassment of NPS Employees** - Any harassment or threats to any NPS employee by the Holder will result in the suspension and/or revocation of this authorization.

**L. Area Use**: The area(s) authorized for use under this authorization must be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, with all refuse properly disposed of as required by the Superintendent. *(See Special Park Condition – “BB”)*

**M. Carry Permit**: The Holder shall carry a copy of the **entire** eleven (11) page “2008 Commercial Use Authorization on board all buses entering Yosemite National Park.

**N. Proof of Operating Authority**: The Holder shall provide the Superintendent with proof of current operating authority from the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), for companies providing **intrastate** trips within California, and/or from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for all companies providing **interstate** trips. It is the responsibility of the Holder to update this office regarding any changes, updates or additions to their carrier authority. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of this authorization until the updated information is received in this office.

**O. Suspension or Revocation of PUC and/or DOT Authority**: If, for any reason, the Holder’s PUC and/or U.S. Department of Transportation authority is placed in any status other than “Active”, this Authorization will be immediately suspended and the Holder will not be allowed to enter Yosemite National Park. No prior notice of this suspension by Yosemite National Park is necessary. After such a suspension has occurred, the Holder must apply for reinstatement of their CUA, show proof of their reinstatement by PUC and/or DOT and receive written authorization from Yosemite National Park **prior** to entering the Park.

**P. Park Surveys**: The Holder agrees to cooperate in surveys conducted by Yosemite National Park, designed to assist in Park management actions.

**Q. Rules of the Road** - All vehicles will comply with posted traffic regulations. The Holder shall take every safe opportunity to use roadside turnouts to allow traffic to pass.

Special Park Conditions continued

**R. Scenic View Stops** – Buses traveling through the Yosemite Valley are limited to the use of the following locations: (The availability of these areas is dependent upon activities in these areas.)

- 1.) Wawona Road (Hwy 41) and Tunnel View (also known as Inspiration Point).
- 2.) Bridalveil Straight (Bridalveil Fall and El Capitan View area), on either side of one-way road (Southside Drive, eastbound). Buses may not enter the Bridalveil Fall parking lot.
- 3.) Half Dome view, from Sentinel Bridge, in marked bus parking spaces only, located on the North side of the bridge.
- 4.) Devils Elbow, Northside Drive (westbound), on the right side leaving Yosemite Valley and prior to El Capitan Meadow.
- 5.) El Capitan Meadow Straight, Northside Drive (westbound), on left side of roadway.
- 6.) Valley View, Northside Drive (westbound), on the left side leaving Yosemite Valley, and prior to the Hwy 41/140 split.
- 7.) **No stopping is allowed at the Fern Springs** turnout located on Northside drive, just past the Pohono Bridge. (This includes all forms of buses and vans.)

**S. \*\*Designated Drop Off Points:** The National Park Service reserves the right to specify in-park drop-off and pick-up points for use by the Holder. *Holders operating **mini-buses and/or motor coaches** must use designated passenger loading/unloading zones and bus parking areas. The Holder must follow instructions from Park Rangers and/or Traffic Managers regarding loading/unloading passengers and bus parking.*

- (1) (Yosemite Valley** – refer to the 2008 Yosemite Valley Commercial Tour Bus, Parking, Loading and Unloading Information Sheet.) Unless prior written authorization is given by the Superintendent or the exceptions listed below in paragraphs 2-4 are met, all mini-buses, full-size buses and motor coaches must drop off their passengers at the “Yosemite Lodge...” bus loading/unloading zone. For passenger safety, drivers are not allowed to use the bus parking lots to load and unload passengers.

*(Regarding “Designated Drop-Off Points”, the following exceptions apply;)*

- (2) (The Ahwahnee Hotel)** Buses with groups that have hotel or meal reservations at the Ahwahnee Hotel may drive to the Ahwahnee shuttle bus stop or area directed to by a bellman to off-load or load their passengers. The bus must then be driven to the “Yosemite Lodge...” bus parking lot. Passengers should be instructed to be at the designated pick-up point at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the buses arrival to pick up the group. Buses may be cited if they block the Ahwahnee shuttle bus stop for longer than five (5) minutes.
- (3) (Curry Village)** Buses with groups that have hotel or meal reservations at Curry Village may drive to the Curry Village Tour Deck bus stop to off-load or load their passengers. After unloading their passengers the bus must be driven to the “Yosemite Lodge” bus parking lot. Passengers should be instructed to arrive at the designated gathering point at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the buses arrival to pick up the group. Because this location is shared by the DNC Tram-tour, buses may be cited if they block the Curry Village Tour Deck bus stop for longer than ten (10) minutes.
- (4) (Yosemite Institute & School Buses)** Buses transporting Yosemite Institute groups and school groups to their lodgings at Curry Village should contact Ranger Dave Henderson (209-379-0600) for information about passenger drop-off and bus parking

(Note: Parking conditions are subject to change due to long-term construction projects slated for Yosemite Valley for the next several years.)

**T. Bus Parking:** Possession of this authorization does not guarantee the availability of bus parking within Yosemite National Park. The Holder will abide by all special parking requirements as designated by the Superintendent.

- (1) **(Yosemite Valley)** – (*Vans or smaller vehicles are not included in this condition.*) Except when picking-up or dropping-off passengers, buses must be parked in authorized parking lots. Drivers may not use their bus for personal transportation within Yosemite Valley. When the shuttle bus system is operating drivers must use the free shuttle bus or arrange other transportation.
- (2) **(Mariposa Grove of Big Trees)** Buses and other vehicles over forty (40) feet in length are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Parking at the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees is limited. When the bus parking lot at the Mariposa Grove fills to capacity, the inbound lane to the Grove will be closed to all buses. Buses will be directed to the free Big Trees (Grove) Shuttle Bus, located at the Wawona Store parking lot, to off-load their passengers when this service is available.
- (3) **(Wawona Store Parking Lot)** Buses may not park in or across designated car spaces or on the roadways. Unless directed otherwise by a Park Ranger, buses should park in the dirt lot across from the store, on the west side of the Wawona Road (Hwy 41) after unloading their passengers at the Big Trees Shuttle Bus Stop or Pioneer History Center.
- (4) **(Developed areas)** The Holder may not park in residential areas.
- (5) **(Parking Lots)** Buses may not park in, or across, designated car parking spaces.
- (6) **(Double parking)** is prohibited.
- (7) **(Roadside Turnouts)** The Holder will allow only one bus at a time, per company, to park at the following scenic turnouts:
  - a.) **Devils Elbow**, located along Northside Drive approximately ¼ mile west of the El Capitan Picnic Area.
  - b.) **Bridalveil View**, located approximately ½ mile west of El Capitan Meadow on Northside Drive.
  - c.) **Valley View**, located along Northside Drive approximately ¼ mile east of the Pohono Bridge/Hwy 140 cross over.

*The popularity of these locations requires that large vehicles be kept to a minimum to allow for use by the general public. Company buses should plan to stagger their stops at these locations when traveling in groups.*

**U. Off-loading Passengers** - The Holder will be responsible for controlling passengers at those places where the vehicle stops and off-loads. The Holder shall ensure that clientele do not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic. This will include keeping passengers from walking into the roadway and obstructing traffic, and from walking in the areas posted as sensitive, where resource damage may result. Loading or unloading of passengers on to roadways, driveways, handicapped parking stalls, etc. is prohibited.

**V. Idling:** The holder is prohibited from allowing their vehicle engine to idle more than five (5) minutes per stop. Vehicle engines must be shut off if the stop will last longer than five (5) minutes. This includes idling while waiting in parking areas or passenger loading/unloading areas.

**W. Vehicle Exhaust:** All vehicles will be properly maintained to insure that the exhaust produced is not beyond what is allowed by law. Excessive exhaust from vehicles will be immediately corrected. Violation will result in enforcement of State and Federal laws regarding emissions.

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**X. Length and Size Limits:** (Some Park roads are narrow and/or winding. Some large sized vehicles cannot safely negotiate these roads. The following restrictions are necessary to safeguard human life, protect Park resources and reduce damage to personal and public property.)

**Commercial passenger carrying vehicles exceeding forty-five (45) feet in length or 102 inches in width are prohibited within Yosemite National Park.** Additional size restrictions may be added for any Park roadway when deemed necessary by the Superintendent.

The following restrictions currently apply to specific Park roadways:

- 1) **Hwy 140, El Portal Road:** On Highway 140, within Yosemite NP, commercial passenger carrying vehicles exceeding twelve (12) feet six (6) inches in height, and/or 102 inches in width are prohibited. (Note: Due to the rockslide detour the California Department of Transportation has set a twenty-eight (28) feet maximum length restriction for vehicles crossing the detour bridges on Hwy 140, eight miles west of El Portal.)
- 2) **Hetch Hetchy Road:** Buses and other vehicles over 25 feet in length are prohibited on the Hetch Hetchy Road.
- 3) **Mariposa Grove Road:**  
Unless permitted by the Superintendent, buses and other vehicles over forty (40) feet in length are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road.  
(Parking at the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees is limited. When the bus parking lot at the Mariposa Grove fills to capacity, the inbound lane to the Grove will be closed to all buses at the gate located near the South Entrance Station. Buses will be directed to the free Grove Shuttle Bus location to off-load their passengers when this service is available. This does not include buses operated by the concessioner.)
- 4) **Glacier Point Road:** Due to the narrow road conditions, **private buses, commercial buses and school buses exceeding thirty (30) feet in length are prohibited from driving beyond Badger Pass Turnoff to the Glacier Point area.**
- 5) **Glacier Point:** Due to the limited parking the following conditions exist;
  - A.) Mini-Buses and Vans may not use the bus passenger drop-off area in front of the Glacier Point restrooms to drop-off or pick-up passengers, unless loading or off-loading persons with mobility impairments, the vehicle must then be moved and parked in an approved parking space. This area is to be used for concessioner buses and emergency vehicles only.
  - B.) Mini-Buses must park within the designated bus parking lanes located at the upper parking lot and may not park in a manner so as to block traffic flow.
  - C.) There is limited parking at Glacier Point. In the event that there is no available parking at the Glacier Point parking lot, mini-buses and vans must park at Washburn Point while waiting for their group. Passengers are to be picked up at the upper Glacier Point parking lot in the bus parking area. Mini-Buses and vans are not to be left unattended during this pick up time if parking is unavailable, and may not park in any manner so as to block traffic flow.

**Y. Swinging Bridge Picnic Area:** Buses are prohibited from using the Swinging Bridge parking lot located on Southside Drive approximately ¼ mile west of the Yosemite Chapel.

**Z. Picnicking:**

1. Unless authorized by the Superintendent in writing, motor coaches and mini-buses are prohibited from entering the following picnic areas:
  - a.) Cathedral Beach (Yosemite Valley)
  - b.) Sentinel Beach (Yosemite Valley)
2. The Holder may not allow passenger to use the shuttle bus bench areas for picnicking. These areas are for shuttle bus loading and unloading only.

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**AA. Tire Chains (tire traction device):** The Holder's vehicle(s) must be equipped with, and be carrying approved traction control devices when entering chain control areas within Yosemite National Park. **Bus may use Caltrans approved cable chains.** Vehicles with an unladen weight over 6,000 pounds (6,500 lbs. for four wheel drive) must use approved tire traction devices when restriction level 1 (R-1) conditions exist, "Autos with Snow Tires or Chains .O.K.." Cable tire chains must meet the following specification to qualify for use on commercial vehicles within Yosemite National Park.

1. Cross links must exceed ½" in diameter.
2. Cross links may use a cross or ladder configuration.
3. The chain must be secured with a rubber tension device.
4. All tensile pull test values for all cable chain component connections shall not be less than 900 PSI.

Note: This is a minimum requirement. **In the event that conditions exist that necessitate the use of metal link chain traction control devices, cable chains will not be allowed.**

Vehicles must chain up at the first safe turnout available nearest the Active Chain Control Sign.

**BB. Supervision/Compliance:** *The Holder shall provide adequate supervision of its employees and clients to ensure that the Park's geological, biological, historical and archeological resources are not disturbed (refer to footnote below.). The Holder is responsible for informing its employees and clients of Park regulations and assuring compliance.*

**Supervision includes, but is not limited to:**

- 1) **Clean Areas** - The areas used by the Holder shall be left in substantially the same condition as prior to the activities authorized herein.
- 2) **Protection of Natural Resources and Cultural Artifacts (Historic and Prehistoric)**<sup>1</sup> *(refer to footnote below.)- Holder will not allow passengers to disturb or remove any natural, cultural and/or historic items from the Park, including arrowheads or similar artifacts. Rocks, flowers, plants and parts of plants (alive or dead) as well as other natural resources may not be removed.*
- 3) **Trash Items** – Food refuse including wrappings and containers must not be placed into open-topped dumpsters. The Holder must not leave any items on top-of or next-to garbage cans, this is consider improper disposal. All garbage and refuse must be placed into bear resistant garbage cans.
- 4) **Cigarette Butts** – The Holder will **not allow passengers and/or drivers who smoke to discard their cigarette butts on the ground.** A container must be provided for this purpose and passenger be made aware of this regulation.
- 5) **Feeding Wildlife** - Park regulations prohibit the feeding of any wildlife in Yosemite National Park; Holder will enforce this regulation with its passengers.

**CC. Report of Incidents:** The Holder is required to report **ANY** personal injury and/or property damage incident occurring within the Park involving Holder vehicles, clientele, and/or employees. The report must be made to a Law Enforcement Ranger at the first available opportunity before leaving the Park. A report will consist of a written or verbal description of the incident. *(If a Park Ranger is unavailable, a report may be made by calling the **Park Desk Officer at (209) 372-0608** or a brief written report stating the basics of the incident: who, what, where, when, and how, may be left with the nearest Entrance/Exit Station or faxed to this office.)* The Holder must cooperate with any investigation of the incident by National Park Service personnel.

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<sup>1</sup> Cultural Resources in Yosemite National Park are protected by the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC 470), and the Archeological Resource Protection Act 1979, as amended (16 USC 470aa) which carries criminal and civil penalties for removing or damaging archeological resources.

**DD. Park Information:** The Holder will insure that information provided through tour leaders, brochures, literature, or advertising to Park visitors is accurate and reflects the most current information available to depict park flora, fauna, geology, culture, and history. *(Some information may be found on the Park web-site at [www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose). For Road and weather information call (209) 372-0200.)*

**EE. Client Information:** Upon request, the Holder must provide names, addresses, and phone numbers of tour clientele or any other reasonable statistical information regarding authorized, permitted activities conducted within Yosemite National Park.

**FF. Commercial Tour Vehicle Safety Inspections:** The Holder shall cooperate fully regarding the inspections of commercial tour vehicles in Yosemite National Park. *(For visitor safety the Superintendent has authorized a program for Commercial Tour Vehicle safety inspections to be conducted, unannounced, each year in the Park. Vehicles are checked for safety and mechanical deficiencies, compliance with current state and federal laws and regulations. Drivers licenses, medical certificates and logbooks are also checked.)*

**GG. Restroom Facilities:** Due to health and safety issues the following areas are specifically closed to motor coach and mini-bus passenger use:

- a.) Tuolumne Grove Parking area restrooms located at Crane Flat.
- b.) Swinging Bridge picnic area restrooms located in Yosemite Valley.
- c.) All Park Entrance Station restrooms.

**Under no circumstances will the Holder allow clients to dispose of human body waste anywhere except in approved restroom facilities, provided for that purpose.**

*(Small, Park roadside restroom facilities, such as those at the Park entrance stations and other roadside turnouts, cannot handle the sudden large volume of use that occurs when large groups use the facilities. Groups should try to plan rest stops at larger facilities prior to entering the Park or use those facilities listed below while in the Park.*

***Bus passengers may use facilities that are built to handle a large volume of use, such as those located at the:***

Chinquapin/Glacier Point Junction along Hwy 41  
Yosemite Lodge  
Yosemite Falls Picnic Area,  
Valley Visitor Center  
Village Store Shopping Area  
Tuolumne Visitor Center  
Mariposa Grove

## 2008 COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR SURVEY

**Holder Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Person** (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tax ID #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:**(Contact Person) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (24 hr contact for emergencies)

- 1) What type(s) of commercial vehicles will you operate in Yosemite NP? (Check all that apply)  
Sedan /Limo \_\_\_\_; Van \_\_\_\_; Mini-bus \_\_\_\_; Motor coach (40 foot) \_\_\_\_; Motor coach (45 foot) \_\_\_\_;
- 2) Do you own, or are you planning to acquire, alternative fueled vehicle(s) Yes No (circle one)  
If yes list when, what type and, passenger capacity, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Besides road based sightseeing tours, does your company engaged in any of the following commercial activities in Yosemite NP? (Check all that apply) Guided Backpacking \_\_\_\_  
Guided Day-hiking \_\_\_\_ Guided Nordic Activities \_\_\_\_ Photography Instruction \_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Does your bus company offer trips to Yosemite National Park using buses designed for access by persons with disabilities? Yes No (circle one)
- 5) Does your bus company offer or plan to offer trips into the park for private nonprofit charter groups? Yes No

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**\*\*The following is required information and must be completed if you had a permit during 2007**

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- 6) Including 2007, how many years has your company been bringing visitors to Yosemite?... \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) How many trips did your company make to Yosemite during 2007?... \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) How many passengers did you bring into Yosemite during 2007?... \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) On average, how much time did your clients spend in the Park per trip?  
For day-trip-only visits show average number of hours per day trip: \_\_\_\_ (hrs)  
For trips involving overnight stays inside the park show number of nights per trip: \_\_\_\_ (nights)  
(overnight visits to the park where clients stay outside of the park should be shown as day trips)
- 10) What were the annual gross receipts generated as a result of bringing groups to Yosemite?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) How was the answer to #10 calculated?  
\_\_\_\_\_

12) Did you have any reportable motor vehicle accidents or personal injuries occur within the Park during your visit(s) in 2007? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ (If yes, please use a separate sheet of paper to explain the circumstances, be sure to include the date and type of accident or injury and a brief statement of the incident.)



# YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

## Commercial Tour Entrance Fees – Through 2008

Sedan (1-6 seats)	Van (7-15 seats)	Mini-Bus (16-25 seats)	Motor Coach (26+ seats)
\$25 + (*)	\$125	\$200	\$300

*Notations: (\*) For commercial sedans, the fee is the legislatively required minimum \$25 commercial tour fee plus the single-visit per person fee for each passenger. Seat count does not include the driver.*

*Call 209-379-1851 regarding entrance fee rates for private nonprofit charters.*

**NOTE:** FOR INFORMATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL TOUR FEES FOR OTHER NATIONAL PARKS GO TO THE NPS HOME PAGE AT [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) AND SELECT THE PARK(S) YOU PLAN TO VISIT.

**“2008 - YOSEMITE VALLEY”  
COMMERCIAL TOUR BUS  
Parking, loading and unloading information sheet**

There are now “6” photo locations in “Yosemite Valley” where you may stop:

- **Highway #41 and Tunnel View** (also known as Inspiration Point or Discovery View.)
- **Bridalveil Straight** (Southside Drive parking area – either side of one way road)
- **Half Dome View from Sentinel Bridge** in marked bus parking space north of the bridge.
- **Devils Elbow** on the right side leaving the Valley.
- **El Capitan Meadow Straight-away** on the left side of the roadway to observe climbers.
- **Valley View #11** on the left side just prior to the highways #41 & #120, #140 split.

**Bus Loading and Unloading:** (*Commercial Vans and Sedans are to use parking areas designated for the general public.*) Buses and Mini-buses must drive to Yosemite Lodge and unload in the posted area. (There are no other unloading or loading locations in Yosemite Valley except at the Ahwahnee Hotel and Curry Village, and then, only if the tour passengers have reservations for meals or lodging there.) After unloading your passengers move to the designated bus parking areas and park as directed. Have your passengers assembled and waiting behind the Lodge office in the amphitheater area 15 minutes prior to scheduled pick up time. If, at loading time, the tour is missing members, the tour guide should leave a message with the Yosemite Lodge Hotel Receptionist while the bus returns to the bus parking area to park and wait for the missing member. Buses are restricted from waiting in the loading/offloading area.

- **At Curry Village** - stop in front of the registration office area to unload and load passengers and luggage. After unloading return to the parking areas at Yosemite Lodge and park your bus.
- **At the Ahwahnee Hotel** - unload in front of the hotel in the designated bus lane. After unloading return to the parking areas at Yosemite Lodge and park your bus.
- Due to parking limitations at both locations buses may not arrive any earlier than 5 minutes prior to their scheduled pick up times and must leave the area once passengers are loaded. Early arrivals will be sent out of the area until passengers are assembled and ready to load. Idle limitations apply here as well. If the driver is missing a visitor they should leave the area and return to the Yosemite Lodge bus parking lot. Drivers/guides must leave word with the concierge or front desk that they will wait at the Yosemite Lodge bus parking lot for the missing passenger, or the message that they have departed the Valley without the visitor due to scheduling.

**\*\*ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** The driver and/or the tour guide may be cited for violations of these rules. (See Title 36, Code Federal of regulations, Section 2.32.) **Multiple violations will result in the suspension of the bus company’s Commercial Use Authorization.**

**A more complete listing of restrictions and regulations for Yosemite National Park may be found by referring to your Commercial Use Authorization.**

**IDLING BUSES:** *Maximum idle time at any location in Yosemite National Park is five (5) minutes. The only exception to this idle time rule is for initial start up with a cold engine. It is not for air conditioners, heaters or other passenger comforts. This rule is strictly enforced. No exceptions.*

**Shuttle Bus lanes:** Commercial buses are not permitted to use or stop in the Shuttle Bus lanes or parking areas.

**Picnic areas:** Bus visitors may picnic at Swinging Bridge, after being unloaded in the authorized area, by walking across the meadow behind bus lot C and over swinging bridge to the picnic area. No food preparation is permitted in the bus loading/off loading area. Please distribute lunches in your bus before offloading. Shuttle Bus benches are for the use of shuttle bus passengers and may not be used for picnic seating.

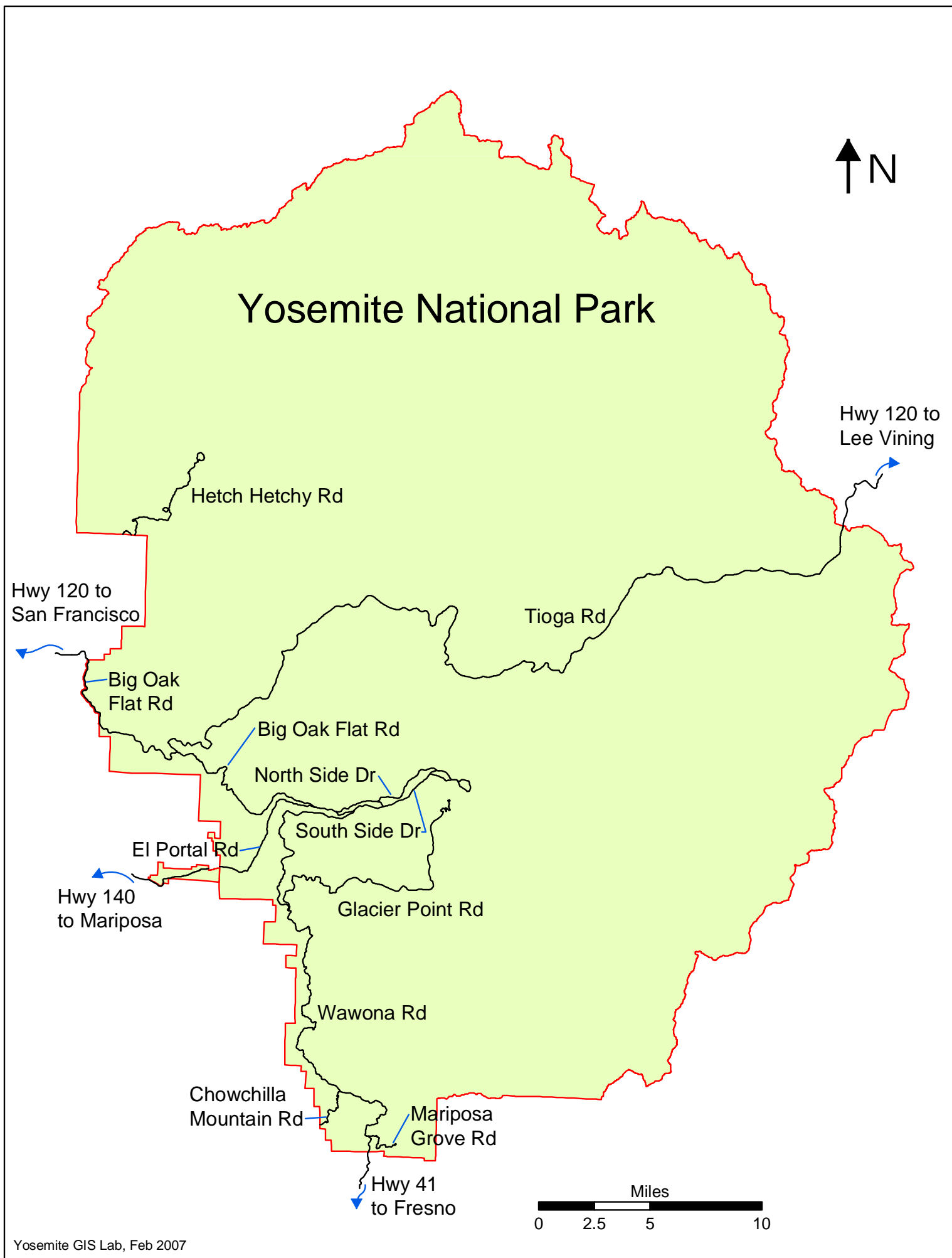
**Parking:** All bus parking will be located at Yosemite Lodge Bus lots A, B or C – No other commercial bus parking is available in Yosemite Valley.

**Posted Regulations:** Commercial buses must obey all posted regulations.

**For questions regarding this information contact:**

**Ranger Dave Henderson, Traffic Management Supervisor at (209) 372-0600 (Traffic Management Office)  
or (209) 372-0616 (Law Enforcement Office).**

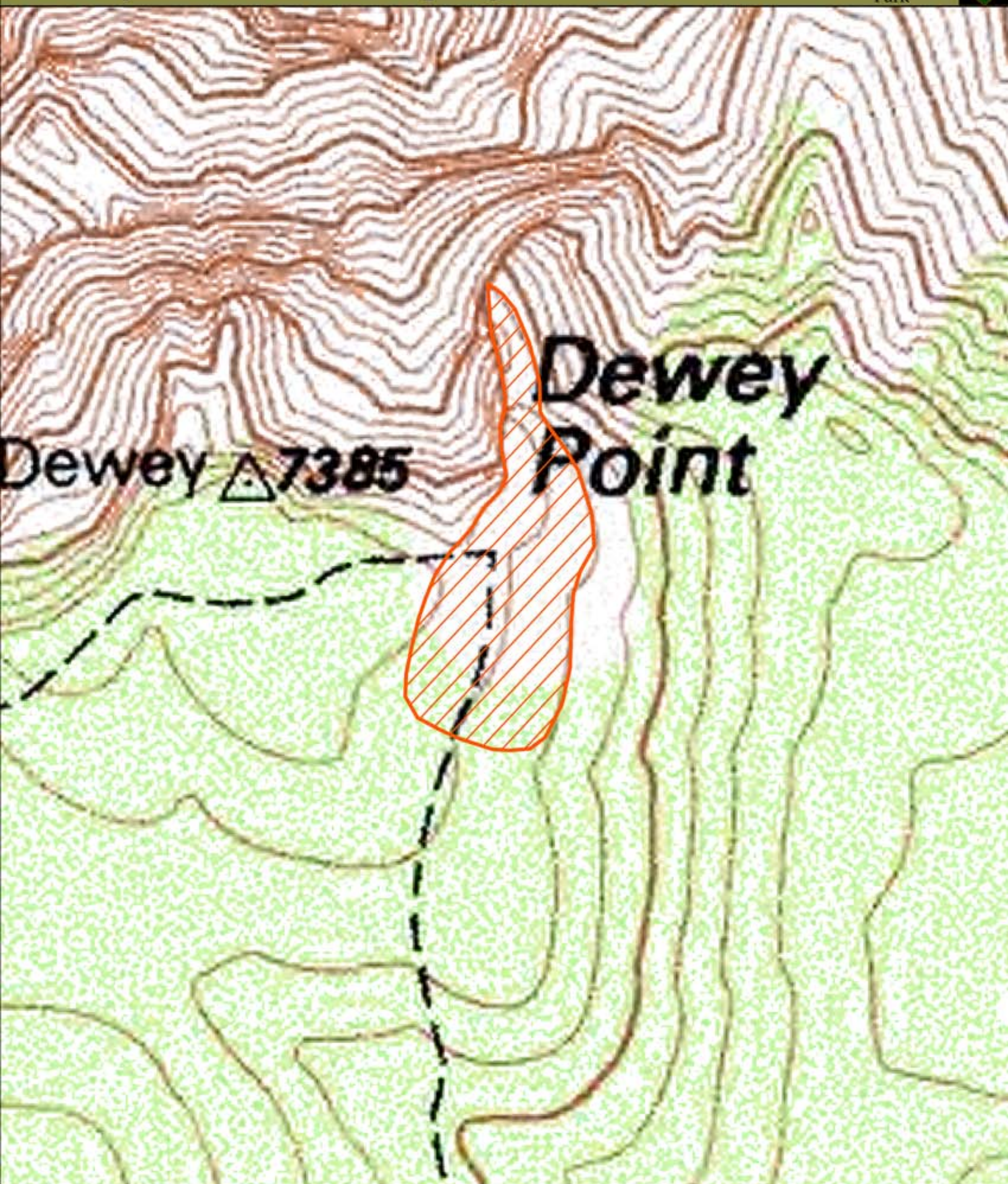
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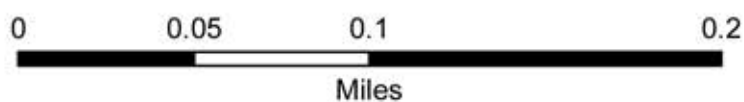






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